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--Prior to the opening of talks at the deputy foreign minister level on 5 October, Moscow may issue guarded hints of willingness to consider a mutual reduction of forces along the Sino-Soviet border if the talks facilitate an improvement in bilateral relations. The Soviets may also imply they might reduce their military presence in Mongolia if tensions diminish.

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